



HUGE LAND GRAB HID IN COURT BILL BY ITS PROMOTERS

Acquisition of City Block Contemplated in Measure Jammed Through Councils Over Mayor's Veto—Map of Property Defaced to Conceal North Boundary.

Executive Clark Says Public Is Not Interested, and Judge Brown, Asked to Explain Omission, Declares He Is Not Answering Conundrums.

A great land grab to be put through by the Vane-McNichol-Penrose-controlled Councils is back of the bill to condemn land for the Municipal Court at 21st and Race streets.

The scheme will cost Philadelphia nearly \$2,000,000 unless it is blocked. The price of the land needed will exceed \$1,000,000, and the buildings will run the price up another \$800,000.

The opening wedge was the bill to condemn land at 21st and Race streets. It seemed innocent enough, as the cost of the property would not exceed \$200,000.

HUGE SCOPE OF THE GRAB. To all appearances the Municipal Court plans were to be confined to the purchase of the Magdalen Home property and the construction of buildings costing no more than \$200,000.

But the Municipal Court offices at City Hall gave out an architect's sketch showing the proposed buildings. This was the key to the grab secret.

It showed that the Magdalen Home property was less than a fourth of the land the court proposed to use. And the buildings to be built on the rest would cost \$1,800,000.

ORIGINAL MAP DEFACED. But a close look at the map explained why the name of the northern boundary line failed to appear.

It had been blocked out by sticking a piece of paper over the name on the original sketch and photographing it before sending the picture to newspaper offices.

Instead of the missing name there was a strip of dead white three inches long, which entirely concealed the name of the street.

The Magdalen Home site is relatively small that only a part of the "Administration Building" would fit in it. The "Courts Building" is at least 80 feet from the northeast corner of the Magdalen property.

Officers of the Municipal Court grew reticent when asked to talk about the map. Fred C. Simon, executive clerk of the court, was said to know the name of the northern boundary.

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BOSS, A BLACK BEAR, DOES NIGHTLY DUTY IN PLACE OF POLICE

Besides Having a Mighty Punch in Each Paw, This Watchman Does Not Sleep Soundly. There is a black bear doing police duty in Edgington, Pa. Edgington does not know just what to think of its force, but some persons, especially the children, are enthusiastic over it.

Others regard the force with suspicion, but all treat it with the greatest respect. It weighs in the neighborhood of 200 pounds and has a mighty punch in either paw.

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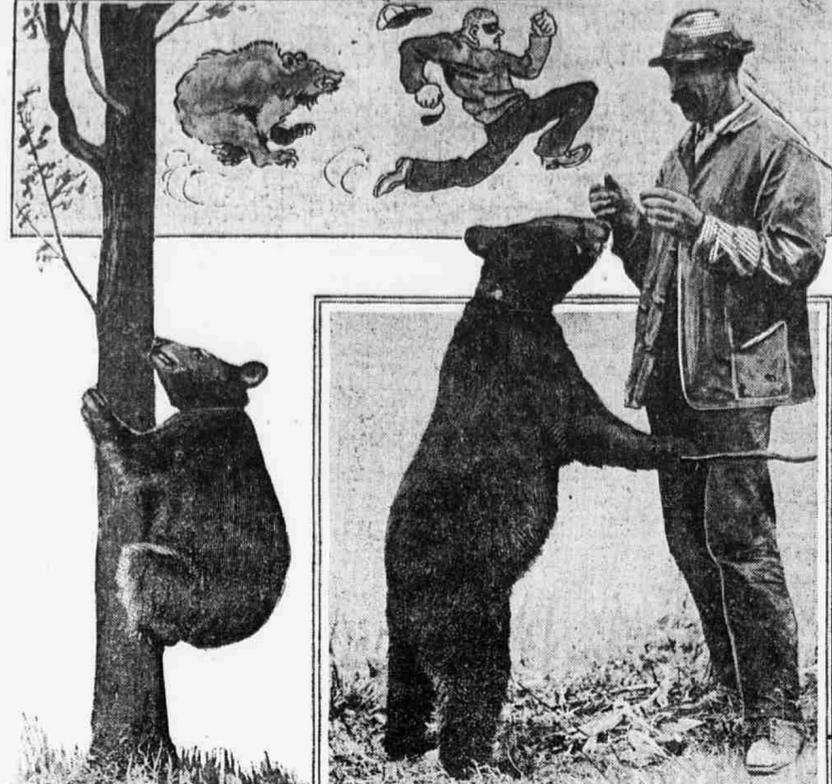
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HORRORS OF WAR AN OBJECT LESSON AT SAFETY CARNIVAL

Children in Tableaux Portray Evils That Follow Carnage—Country's Flag to Typify Peace.

As the climax to the "Safety Week" campaign conducted by the Home and School League, the Carnival of Safety was opened this afternoon at Convention Hall, Broad street and Allegheny avenue, in the presence of 2000 children, the representatives of the Home and School League, prominent industrial corporations, the railroads, the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company and a host of workmen employed in hazardous occupations, where the accident evil is particularly predominant.

Typifying the safety of the nation under the Stars and Stripes, a beautiful American flag was unfurled by a company of Boy Scouts, under the direction of J. W. Patton, while "America" was sung by every one in the great auditorium. This was followed by fire drills and an athletic exhibition by public school children.

An exhibition which no child who witnesses it can ever forget was that of a number of groups portraying the horrors and pestilence of war. A number of children, dressed in the fancy dress of soldiers and sailors, portrayed the army and the navy going to war, followed by another group showing the wounded and the dying, the widows, orphans, old men and women, the lame, the blind and the dependent, all victims of the war.

Not the least impressive of these tableaux was the group of children portraying enforced idleness and the unemployed who suffer due to the hostilities. As a contrast to this there was a series of tableaux picturing peace attended by industry, contentment, united families, farmers gathering in the harvest and general abundance of food and happiness. This series of tableaux were entitled "War and Peace."

STARS AND STRIPES THERE. The vast auditorium was tastefully decorated with hunting and flags of all nations, among which the Stars and Stripes were, of course, the most conspicuous. Booths in which various forms of danger and safety were illustrated by living objects and with lantern slides were scattered in various parts of the hall and were the attraction of many hundreds. Speakers in each booth addressed the audience on safety problems and urged a greater amount of vigilance on the part of men, women and children in the street, in the place of employment and in the home.

GIRL WINS PRIZE CUP. During the exercises Helen Jastrzemska, of the Mott school, received the Mary V. Grice cup for the best composition on school safety. Tonight the program will be reproduced. Mayor Hancock will preside and Dr. Martin G. Brumbaugh, Republican candidate for Governor, is expected to speak. The program begins at 8 o'clock.

GIRL CRUSHED BY CAR. Critically Injured When She Loses Footing on Tracks. In an effort to dash across the street before the approach of a trolley car yesterday at sixteenth street and Ridge street, a 10-year-old girl, 8 years old, lost her footing and was crushed beneath the car's wheel.

She was taken to the St. Joseph's Hospital unconscious. Her condition is critical. WIFE CHARGES CRUELTY. Woman Declares Man Dragged Her About by the Hair. Thomas Ellison, 2033 Grunbach street, whose wife accuses him of dragging her around her room by her hair, was held today under \$500 bail for court by Magistrate Campbell at the Front and Westmoreland streets police station.

According to Mrs. Ellison, her husband assaulted her. He bill she had received from one of her lodgers and ran out of the house. He returned late at night and dragged her out of bed and the police. Policeman Boynton answered her cries for help and arrested Ellison.

THE WEATHER Official Forecast. WASHINGTON, Sept. 26. For eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey—Fair tonight and Sunday, with light frost tonight in exposed places; moderate northwest winds.

The Southern storm caused rain yesterday along the middle and south Atlantic coast, but has passed northeastward. In addition to a suit of varnish he wore a hat and a piece of varnish. Magistrate Emery acknowledged the introduction by sending the man to the County Prison for three months.

If Brennan is a tramp at heart the next few months will be the most blissful of his life so far, as he will be impervious to water until the varnish starts to wear. Brennan told the Magistrate that the degree team initiated him because he was unable to answer the questions.

HOLD MAN FOR SHOOTING. Magistrate Renshaw at Central Station today held in \$1000 bail for a further hearing Joseph Gonnato, 755 Christian street, the man shot by Giuseppe Esposito several days ago when the latter shot and killed Ernesto Boleto. Esposito told the police after the killing that the two men had been drinking and that he had shot the man because he was threatening him. He is being held without bail pending the action of the Grand Jury.

THE CHAUFFEUR'S LUNCH. Traveling through New England in his touring car, a Cincinnati man, with his wife and two daughters, stopped one day for lunch at a good hotel. After the meal was over the automobilist said to the waiter: "Bring me the bill, please. We have had four sandwiches and four pieces of apple pie. Wait a moment, though. What has the chauffeur had downstairs?"

KEY TO MUNICIPAL COURT LAND GRAB SECRET

Architect's sketch made public by Municipal Court which shows that a whole city block is wanted instead of small plot asked for in Councils. This small plot is shown by the dotted lines in the upper center of the plan. The sketch was sent to newspapers with the name of the fourth side boundary blocked out as shown, supposedly to conceal the huge extent of the contemplated grab.

